

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Change Name of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, SUI
Date: May 12, 2003

Recommended Action:

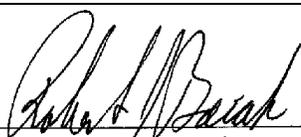
Approve the University of Iowa's request to change the name of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine.

Executive Summary:

Rationale The University of Iowa requests permission to change the name of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine. The name reflects the expanding program in rehabilitation which serves not only patients in Orthopaedics, but also those from the Division of Vascular Surgery, the Department of Surgery (including the Burn and Trauma Units), the Department of Neurology, and the Department of Neurosurgery.

Across the country, board-certified physiatrists are increasingly required in the care of trauma patients and many Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residencies and fellowships will need some rehabilitation experience to maintain their accreditation. Most patients seen by physiatrists suffer from musculoskeletal disorders and integrating orthopaedic and rehabilitative services is more efficient for patients. The special expertise and services provided by physiatrists will be recognized by the new name.

Other Similar Departments Medical Centers with a Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation include: Yale University, the University of Miami, University of Nebraska, University of Texas at Galveston, the University of Vermont, Oregon Health Sciences University, and Vanderbilt.



Robert J. Barak

Approved: 

Gregory S. Nichols